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CORPORAL BART SMITH RECEIVES POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Award Recognizes Outstanding Performance in the Utah County Community

Lehi, Utah | November 5, 2013 – The Lehi City Police Department is proud to announce that Corporal Bart Smith has been recognized by The Utah Valley Chapter of the National Exchange Club as Officer of the Year.

Each October, as part of Fire and Crime Prevention Month, the Utah Valley Chapter of the National Exchange Club selects an Officer of the Year. Criteria used for selection includes officers who display exemplary efforts in contributing to their community, going beyond the call of duty in their position, and receiving advanced training.

Corporal Smith has gone above and beyond his call as an investigator for the Lehi Police Department. Corporal Smith has focused his time as an investigator into protecting children through several different approaches to include a variety of prevention programs, online stings, and sex offender checks. Corporal Smith has instituted several different child-related programs within the Lehi Police Department and has been instrumental in making them successful.



Corporal Bart Smith

Corporal Smith currently oversees and administers the NOVA program, actively participates in the Utah County Sex Crimes Task Force and Child Abduction Response Team, the RAD Kids Program, and the Sex Offender Notification and Registry.

All of this is accomplished while Corporal Smith maintains a full investigations case load and teaches NOVA at a local elementary school. Corporal Smith has made it his priority to protect the children of the community he serves in.

The National Exchange Club is an all-volunteer, national service organization for men and women who want to serve their community, develop leadership skills, and enjoy new friendships. Made up of nearly 800 clubs and more than 25,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, The National Exchange Club is working to make America a better place to live through one national project, the prevention of child abuse. To date, The National Exchange Club's efforts have helped more than 10,000 families and 140,000 children break the cycle of abuse. The National Exchange Club's goal is to become the premier service club in America by igniting the spirit of community service throughout the nation.

For further information regarding the National Exchange Club or for this award, contact Kena Jo Mathews, President of the Utah Valley Chapter of the National Exchange Club. Kena can be reached at Kena@habitatuc.org.

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